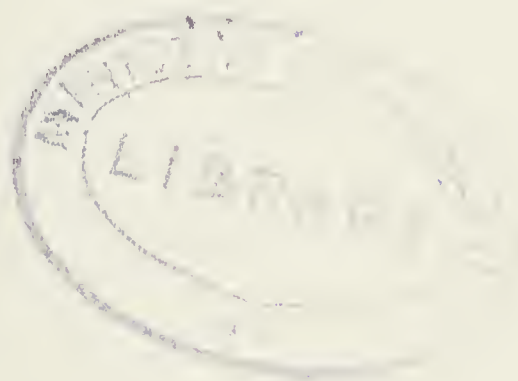


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RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Including the Report of the Senior Sanitary Inspector

**For the year ending
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DUTIES OF SANITARY INSPECTORS include :

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Public Health Committee,
Housing Committee.

WINCANTON,
SOMERSET.

June, 1956

TO THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF SHEPTON MALLET.

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADY SHEELAH GREENWAY AND GENTLEMEN,—

I beg to lay before you my Annual Report for the year 1955

1.—GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	47,784
Population (1955)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10,820
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£49,189
Produce of a Penny Rate (estimated)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£191

2.—EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

BIRTHS.

LIVE BIRTHS							Males	Females.
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	84	92
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	...	81	90
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2

STILLBIRTHS :—

Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	0
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	0
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	0

DEATHS.

	Total.	Males.	Females.
Deaths from all causes :	121	47	74

Number of Women dying in, or in consequence of, childbirth :—

(a) From Sepsis	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
(b) From other causes	...	...	...	...	...	...	0

Deaths of Infants under One Year of Age :—

							Males.	Females.
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	0
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	0
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	0
Deaths of Infants under One Week	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
" " " from One to Four Weeks (inclusive)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
" " " from One to Six Months	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
" " " from Six to Twelve Months	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
							Total	3

Deaths from Measles (all ages)	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
" " Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
" " Diarrhoea (under two years)	...	...	...	...	...	...	0

There has not been any excessive mortality during the year.

The total number of Deaths occurring in the District was 121 compared with 132 in 1954.

The chief causes of Death were :—

Heart Disease and Diseases of the Circulatory System	...	...	...	...	...	...	53
Cancer	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Intra-cranial Vascular Lesions	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Old Age	...	...	...	...	...	...	12

In all " Causes of Death " :—

Those dying between the ages of 75 and 80 were	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
" " " " 81 and 85 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
" " " " 86 and 90 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
And dying above the age of 90	...	...	...	...	...	...	9

A total of 66 or 55.45 per cent. of the total Deaths.

3.—NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR.

Disease.	Total Cases Notified.	Cases admitted to Isolation Hospitals.	Total Deaths.
Measles	94	0	0
Whooping Cough	33	0	1
Pneumonia	7	0	1
Acute Poliomyelitis	3	3	0
Scarlet Fever	8	3	1
Dysentery	4	0	0
Erysipelas	4	0	0
Tuberculosis—	—	—	—
(a) Respiratory	9	0	0
(b) Non-Respiratory	0	0	0
	—	—	—
	162	6	3
	—	—	—

Measles was very prevalent in the district throughout the year. There were no deaths from this disease.

The notification of Infectious Disease in the District by Medical Practitioners was satisfactory.

4.—OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM. No Case Notified.

5.—CAUSES OF SICKNESS.

Measles and Whooping Cough and, to a lesser extent, Respiratory Tuberculosis.

6.—SUMMARY OF NURSING ARRANGEMENTS, HOSPITAL AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS AVAILABLE IN THE DISTRICT.

A.—Professional Nursing in the Home :—

- (1) General :—There are 10 nurses in the District engaged in general district work, who are affiliated to the County Nursing Association, and between them they cover the whole District.
- (2) For Infectious Diseases :—Six of the cases of Infectious Disease were removed to Isolation Hospitals, the remainder were either nursed by their relatives or by nurses obtained from Nursing Homes or Hospitals outside the District.

B.—Midwives.

There are 10 Certified Midwives practising in the District.

C.—Clinics and Treatment Centres.

None in the District.

D.—Hospitals Situated in the District.

None.

E.—Institutional Provision for Unmarried Mothers, Illegitimate Infants and Homeless Children.

None.

F.—Ambulance Facilities.

- (1) For Infectious Cases.—None.

- (2) For Non-Infectious Cases and Accidents.—The Motor Ambulance provided by the County Council, and kept at The Ambulance Station, Commercial Road, Shepton Mallet, (Tel. 2242), is used when necessary.

G.—Scabies.

No cases of Scabies have been brought to my notice.

7.—MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENQUIRIES IN RESPECT OF SEWERAGE OR WATER SUPPLIES.

None. (Except an informal enquiry on May 18th relating to Gurney Slade Sewerage).

8.—HOUSING.

It is taken for granted that in the present financial position in which the country finds itself every house that can be saved should be saved. During the carrying out of my duties of house inspection I occasionally come across houses well built and watertight but lacking essential amenities and with restricted bedroom accommodation and is therefore obviously unsuitable for a family of children, but which at a reasonable expense could be made fit for a childless couple. Owing to the fact that the Council have no power to restrict the tenancy to persons without children (except in cases of gross overcrowding) a house of this sort may be lost.

I am of the considered opinion that, in the case of a house such as described above, the Council should have the power to restrict the tenancy to a couple without children.

9.—SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

(a) Privately owned—One.—Downside College, Stratton-on-the-Fosse.
Water—Main.

Treatment—Recirculation, Filtration and Automatic Chlorination.

(b) Owned by Local Authority—None.

Estimated average number of bathers daily during Season :—Private swimming pool for scholars at Downside College only.

Samples taken—None.

10.—LABORATORY WORK.

Examinations of bacteriological and pathological specimens are carried out at the Public Health Laboratory at Bath, and considerable use of this Laboratory has been made during the year.

A supply of Diphtheria Antitoxin is kept by Messrs. Boots (Chemists) and Miss Watkins (Chemist) at Shepton Mallet, and can be obtained by Practitioners on the National Health Service Prescription Form.

11.—FOOD POISONING.

No case has been notified during the year.

REPORT OF THE SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1.—WATER.

There were no serious shortages of water from the Council's supplies in 1955. All water supplied to the consumer from the Council's mains was satisfactory in quality, with the exception of the supply to part of the Parish of West Bradley.

The scheme for augmenting the water supplies throughout the district is now in operation.

(a) PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES.

1. CHLORINATED SUPPLIES.

Number of samples taken	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31
Satisfactory	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
Not quite satisfactory	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Unsatisfactory	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

2. UNTREATED SUPPLIES.

Number of samples taken	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28
Satisfactory	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Not quite satisfactory	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Unsatisfactory	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13

(b) PRIVATE PIPED SUPPLIES USED BY THE PUBLIC (UNTREATED)

Number of samples taken	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Satisfactory	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Not quite satisfactory	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Unsatisfactory	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0

(c) OTHER PRIVATE WATER SUPPLIES (INDIVIDUAL PREMISES, FARMS, ETC.)

Number of samples taken	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Satisfactory	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Not quite satisfactory	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Unsatisfactory	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8

10 samples were taken for chemical analysis during the year from the Public Supplies and Piped Supplies used by the Public. In all cases the results showed the water to be satisfactory in purity. The water from the majority of these supplies, however, was found to be very hard, the hardness being mainly temporary.

There is no liability to plumbo-solvent action from any of the water supplies.

The unsatisfactory sample of chlorinated water was of water supplied in bulk to the Council by Downside Abbey and subsequent samples proved satisfactory. Of the 19 unsatisfactory samples of water from untreated supplies mentioned in Paragraph 1 (a) (ii) above, 14 were of raw water from the Ashwick Grove and St. Dunstan's Well sources and this water is adequately treated before being passed to the consumer. 4 of the remaining 5 unsatisfactory samples are from the West Bradley supply (which supplies some 80 houses). This supply gives unsatisfactory results after heavy rainfall but the treatment of this supply is not considered to be practicable. The remaining unsatisfactory sample of water from untreated supplies was from the Downhead Supply. Appropriate action was taken in respect of unsatisfactory samples of private water supplies (individual premises).

The Rural Housing Survey, completed in July, 1955, resulted in statistics relating to water supplies being brought up to date. The figures in relation to the supply of water in the various parishes are as follows:—

Parishes	No. of houses.	No. having piped water supply into or on to the houses.	No. of houses supplied by stand-pipe.	No. supplied by well or other supplies.
	1955	1955	1955	1955
Ashwick	325	287	28	10
Batcombe	137	91	10	36
Binegar	88	66	17	5
W. Bradley	87	83	2	2
Cranmore	120	84	19	17
Croscombe	175	130	34	11
Ditchheat	204	180	22	2
Doulting	171	138	21	12
Downhead	34	22	4	8
Emborough	49	39	6	4
Evercreech	466	423	22	21
Holcombe	202	181	20	1
Lamyatt	47	36	1	10
Lydford	121	89	4	28
M. Clevedon	34	22	4	8
E. Pennard	121	90	—	31
Pilton	246	221	6	19
Pylle	50	34	—	16
Stoke St. Michael	236	208	20	8
Stratton-on-the-Fosse	479	406	55	18
Total	3392	2830 (83.4%)	295 (8.7%)	267 (7.9%)

2. DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

The work of sewerage the village of Croscombe made very good progress during the year and at the end of the year was nearing completion.

FUTURE PROPOSALS.

- (i) The sewerage of the village of Gurney Slade in the Parishes of Binegar and Ashwick was agreed in principle by the Ministry and at the year's end a detailed scheme was in the course of preparation.

- (ii) A scheme for the modernisation of the sewers and sewerage disposal works in the village of Evercreech has been prepared and will be submitted to the Ministry after local negotiations respecting trade wastes have been finalised.

3. HOUSE REFUSE COLLECTION.

The Council's 12 cubic yard Bedford lorry (with Perkins Diesel Engine) with a crew of driver and 2 loaders continued in operation during the year and gave satisfactory service. In September a new service was instituted to give a fortnightly collection in all parishes and this is working satisfactorily.

During the year 650 loads of refuse were collected.

The tips at Moorwood (Ashwick) and Southwood (Evercreech) continued in use during the year and although no full-time labour is available for their maintenance, they were kept in a very satisfactory condition by the refuse lorry crew.

4. SALVAGE.

(i) WASTE PAPER.

During the year 19 tons 1 qtr. of waste paper was collected; valued at £156 0s. 11d. Baling of the paper was put into operation in March which resulted in better prices being obtained. As the previous year was a bad year no comparisons are available.

(ii) SCRAP METAL.

28 tons 13 cwt. 1 qtr. of scrap metal was collected during the year, over four times the quantity collected during the previous year. The value of this scrap metal was £103 3s. 2d., compared with £22 0s. 11d. for the previous year. Demand for scrap metal continued steadily throughout the year.

HOUSING.

	Houses erected during year		Houses in course of erection		Conversion to flats or dwellings		Temporary such as Army Huts, etc.
	Perm.	Temp.	Perm.	Temp.	Perm.	Temp.	
Local Authority ...	20	—	36	—	—	—	—
Private Enterprise ...	12	1 (Caravan)	Not known	—	—	—	—
Totals ...	32	1	36	—	—	—	—

Inclusive of those above built during the year :—

Total number of houses in District	...	...	...	...	...	...	3392
Total number of houses owned by Local Authority	...	...	...	...	...	...	484

GRANTS MADE UNDER THE HOUSING ACT, 1949.

No. of applications and houses dealt with by Local Authority and Ministry :—

LOCAL AUTHORITY

	Received		Approved		Rejected		Under Consideration	
	Appli-cations	No. of Houses	Appli-cations	No. of Houses	Appli-cations	No. of Houses	Appli-cations	No. of Houses
(a) to 31/12/54	8	9	2	3	—	—	6	6
(b) During year	16	21	21	26	—	—	1	1
Totals ...	24	30	23	29	—	—	1	1

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The following report has been furnished to me by the Senior Sanitary Inspector under Article 27 of the Sanitary Officers (Outside London) Regulations, 1935.

The Inspectors' time was taken up for the most part by visits in connection with slum clearance, Improvement Grants, meat and food inspection, investigation of complaints and subsequent action, and Council House Administration. Considerable time was spent on Slum Clearance and Improvement Grants which until this year had required little attention. The Housing Survey was completed in July and the results (which are given elsewhere) were reported to the Council.

Full inspection of meat at the Slaughter House administered by the Council was carried on during the year, but there was some slackening off of trade. At the year's end the Council were still awaiting confirmation by the Ministry of Food of their Resolution made under the Food and Drugs Act restricting the use of private slaughter-houses within the district.

Statutory action under the Public Health Acts was again kept to a minimum, informal action securing the abatement of nuisances in the majority of complaints investigated. In any case, complaints received were much reduced.

Unfortunately there was not a great deal of time available for routine inspection of shops, factories, etc.

(a) VISITS.

Dwelling Houses - Public Health Acts	...	...	...	...	...	46
Dwelling Houses - Housing Acts	...	...	...	...	...	316
Improvement Grants	...	...	...	...	...	278
Overcrowding	...	...	...	...	...	2
Housing Survey	...	...	...	...	...	1507
Council Houses	...	...	...	...	...	493
Vermineous Premises	...	...	...	...	...	5
Infectious Disease	...	...	...	...	...	9
Disinfections	...	...	...	...	...	4
Water Supplies	...	...	...	...	...	51
Drainage and Sewage Disposal	...	...	...	...	...	259
Drains Tested	...	...	...	...	...	18
Offensive Accumulations	...	...	...	...	...	1
Atmospheric Pollution	...	...	...	...	...	3
Refuse Collection and Disposal	...	...	...	...	...	78
Rats and Mice Suppression	...	...	...	...	...	2281
Stables/Piggeries	...	...	...	...	...	3
Moveable Dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	22
Schools	...	...	...	...	...	1
Factories and Workshops	...	...	...	...	...	11
Outworkers	...	...	...	...	...	1
Butchers	...	...	...	...	...	9
Ice-cream Dealers	...	...	...	...	...	1
Dairies and Milk Distributors	...	...	...	...	...	1
Public Houses	...	...	...	...	...	1
Other Food Premises	...	...	...	...	...	22
Meat Inspection and Slaughterhouse	...	...	...	...	...	839
Other Food Inspection	...	...	...	...	...	4
Interviews	...	...	...	...	...	71
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	31

(b) NOTICES.

	Informal	Statutory
Served during the year	20	—
Complied with during the year	25	—
Outstanding at the end of the year	28	—

(c) LIST OF WORKS EXECUTED AS A RESULT OF NOTICES.

i. HOUSING.									
Roofs repaired/renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Chimney stacks repaired/renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
External walls repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Dampness Remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Yards repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Fireplaces repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Food Stores provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Staircases repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Ceilings repaired/renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Wallplaster repaired/renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Floors repaired/renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Windows repaired/renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Doors repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
ii. DRAINAGE.									
Drains cleared	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Soil drains repaired/renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Cesspools provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cesspools repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Connections to sewer	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3

- iii. SANITARY AND OTHER CONVENIENCES.
- | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| W.C.'s substituted | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 |
| W.C.'s repaired | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Sinks provided... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
- iv. MISCELLANEOUS CONTRAVENTIONS.
- | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| Nuisances from animals abated | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Miscellaneous P.H. Act contraventions remedied | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
- v. FOOD PREMISES.
- | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| F. & D. Act Contraventions remedied | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
|-------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
- (d) SMOKE ABATEMENT (DUST).
One nuisance from quarry dust was reported during the year and informal action was also necessary in certain other cases in respect of dust from stone quarries with reasonably satisfactory results.
- (e) CAMPING SITES.
1 camping site for 40 caravans was re-licensed during the year.
- (f) RAG FLOCK.
There are no premises in the district in which rag flock is manufactured or sold.
- (g) RATS AND MICE.
The Council's part time Rodent Operator continued surveying and 58 premises were treated for rats and one for mice. Very few complaints were received. The Sewers at Evercreech, Doultong and Oakhill and the stream at Croscombe were treated in addition to the Council's refuse tips and sewage disposal plants with satisfactory results.
- (h) INSECT PESTS.
Two cases of infestation were reported during the year. These were both infestations by cluster flies.

FACTORIES.

1. INSPECTION FOR PURPOSE OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH.

Premises (i)	No. on Register (ii)	Inspections (iii)	Written Notices (iv)	Occs. Prosec- cuted (v)
i. Factories in which Sec. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authorities	12	7	1	—
ii. Factories not included in (i) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	55	4	—	—
iii. Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises) ...	—	—	—	—
Total	67	11	1	Nil

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Insp.	by H.M. Insp.	
Want of cleanliness (S1)	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable Temperature (S3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S7)	—	—	—	—	—
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	—	—	1	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences (not including offences relating to Homework)	—	—	—	—	—
Total	1	Nil	Nil	1	Nil

3. OUTWORKERS.

There were 77 outworkers in the district, all but one employed in the gloving industry by firms outside the district.

HOUSING.

1. Housing Survey.

The survey of all houses with a rateable value of £16 or less was completed in May 1955. 1,594 houses were inspected and 345 of these were found to be unfit for human habitation and not repairable at reasonable expense. These 345 houses were made up as follows:—

Void houses already under control by undertakings in force	20
Void houses not under control	35
Houses occupied by old folk who do not wish to be disturbed	108
Occupied houses where the owner has agreed to make fit	48
All other occupied houses where the tenants will have to be re-housed	134
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Thus, the Council's slum clearance programme will consist of bringing 35 void houses under control and dealing with 134 Unfit Houses by re-housing the tenants.

2. Action Under Housing Acts 1936-1954 (Secs. 9 & 11)

(a) Repairs (Sec. 9).

No formal action was taken under Sec. 9 but informal action resulted in repairs being carried out.

(b) Unfit Houses dealt with Under Sec. 11.

The results obtained during the year may be best expressed in the following table:—

	Position as result of survey May 1955	Formally dealt with from May 1955 to end of year	Position at 31.12.55
Void houses not under control.	35	1	34
Houses occupied by old folk	108	2	106
Occupied houses to be repaired	48	1	47
Houses where tenants will have to be re-housed	134	4	130
Totals	325	8	317

One house was made fit. Of the 7 houses dealt with, undertakings were accepted in the case of 6 and a Closing Order made in respect of the other.

3. OVERCROWDING.

One case occurred during the year and was abated and there are no cases on the Council's register.

4. HOUSING ACT, 1949 - IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

The receipt of applications for Improvement Grants continued steadily throughout the year. 21 applications were approved and these 21 applications covered 26 houses. The 2 schemes approved in 1954 were completed during the year. At the year's end there was no apparent slackening off of applications.

5. Council Houses.

20 Council Houses were completed and occupied during the year. In addition, 13 houses became vacant and were re-allocated.

The total number of applicants on the list at the end of the year was 208 but the Council considered that this figure was an inflated one and did not represent the number of needy applicants to be re-housed. The Council, therefore, examined the Housing List in detail and found that out of the total of 208 only 119 were cases which could be recommended for re-housing purposes. The total number on the list was 27 less than the number at the end of the previous year. During the year 86 new applications were received and 80 applications were cancelled.

Total number of applications for Council houses at the close of the year (In rooms 40)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	208
Number of houses erected by the Local Authority during the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Number of existing houses re-allocated	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Number of houses in course of erection by the Local Authority	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36
Number of houses erected by Private Enterprise during the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Number of unfit houses licensed for habitation	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Number of houses continuing to be requisitioned by the Council	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Number of houses previously condemned, not licensed but still occupied	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3

6. Sanitary Condition of Houses

As the result of the Housing Survey completed during the year it is possible to summarise the condition of all houses within the district. At the end of the year the position was as follows:—

(a) Total Houses in District	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3392
(b) Fitness of Houses.									
Houses Unfit and not repairable at reasonable expense	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	345
Houses in need of major housing repairs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	226
Houses in need of minor housing repairs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	515
Houses with some public health defects, (mainly drainage and/or dampness)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	518
Pre-war houses fit in all respects	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1208
Post-war houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	96
Council Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	484
(c) Sanitary Facilities of Houses.									
Houses with own Water Closets	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2358
Houses with shared Water Closets	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24
Houses with own Pail or Chemical Closets	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	892
Houses with shared Pail or Chemical Closets	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Houses with Privies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	98
Houses drained to Public Sewer	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	831
Houses with satisfactory cesspit or Septic Tank	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1485
Houses with unsatisfactory drainage	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	686
Houses with no drainage	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	388
Houses with no sink	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	492
Houses with no Bath	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1564

(Note the figures in relation to water supplies are given on page 6).

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

1. MILK SUPPLY.

Number of Retailers (not producers)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Heat Treatment Plants	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

DESIGNATED MILK.

Number of Retailers T.T. Milk	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Number of Retailers Pasteurised Milk	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

2. ICE-CREAM.

No. of Premises registered for :—

(a) Manufacture	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
(b) Sale	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39

Samples were regularly taken from the various retailers most of whom were selling pre-packed ice-cream from well-known manufacturers.

3. PRESERVED FOOD, ETC. SEC. 14 FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938.

No. of persons registered for the Manufacture of sausages under the above	5
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4. MEAT AND OTHER FOODS (INSPECTIONS AND CONDEMNATIONS).

	Cattle Excl. Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.	Horses
Number Killed	418	311	12,717	1,129	2,182	Nil
Number Inspected	418	311	12,717	1,129	2,182	—
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS. and Cysticerci.						
Whole Carcases condemned	Nil	10	44	13	137	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	145	183	173	195	1217	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	34.7	62.0	1.7	18.4	62.1	—
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY.						
Whole Carcases condemned	Nil	2	Nil	—	5	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	23	44	10	—	78	—
Percentage of the number inspected affec- ted with Tuberculosis	5.5	14.8	0.01	—	3.8	—
Cystercercosis						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	12	3	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refri- geration	12	3	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	Nil	Nil	—	—	—	—

Total weight of diseased/unsound food condemned :—
13 tons 6 cwt. 0 qtrs. 12 lbs.

Other Food Surrendered
1 tin meat
1 tin Vegetables
2 tins Fruit
3 cheeses

Total weight :— 89 lbs. 3 ozs.

5. Byelaws Under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938

These came into operation in the Shepton Mallet Rural District in July, 1950. Informal action was taken in some cases and this achieved the necessary results.

Notices (provided by the Council) have been exhibited in food shops requesting Customers not to bring their dogs into the shops.

6. Food Premises

Business carried on	Total	Inspections	Notices Served	Contraven- tions Remedied
Butchers only	2	2	1	2
Butcher and Sausage Manufacturer (Sec. 14)	5	7	—	—
Public House only	31	1	—	—
Public House and Restaurant	3	—	—	—
Public House and Ice Cream Dealer (Sec. 14)	2	—	—	—
Public House, Restaurant and Ice Cream Dealer (Sec. 14)	1	—	—	—
Grocers and Greengrocers	23	20	1	1
Grocer and Ice Cream Dealer (Sec. 14)... ..	20	1	—	—
Bakehouse only	6	1	—	—
Bakehouse and Ice Cream	2	—	—	—
Dealer (Sec. 14)	1	—	—	—
Bakehouse and Grocer	3	—	—	—
Confectioner only	8	2	—	—
Restaurant or Canteen	1	—	—	—
Restaurant, Grocer & Ice Cream Dealer (Sec. 14)	5	—	—	—
Ice Cream Dealer only (Sec. 14)	1	—	—	—
Food Factory	1	—	—	—
Food Factory with Canteen	2	—	—	—
Wet and Fried Fish	2	—	—	—
Cheese Store	119	34	2	3
Total				

7. Disposal of Condemned Food

Tinned Foods etc. are buried at the Refuse Tips, meat being disposed of to fertiliser manufacturers.

8. Slaughterhouses

Number of Registered Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Number of Licensed Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Number of Public Slaughterhouses in use	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Licensed Knackers Yards	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Total number of animals slaughtered during the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	16,757

9. Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933

A register of all licensed slaughtermen pursuant to Section 3 (1) of the above Act is kept and the number so licensed is 15.

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I have the honour to be, Mr. Chairman, Lady Sheelah and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

T. E. COULSON,

Medical Officer of Health.

